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SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S VISIT -- GUEST HOUSE

REF: (A) MONROVIA 2434, (B) STATE 081236

1. CHARGE INSPECTED EXECUTIVE GUEST HOUSE IN COMPANY FOREIGN MINISTER AND HAS DETERMINED THAT THE ACCOMMODATIONS AND OFFICE REQUIREMENTS OUTLINED IN PARAGRAPH 4 OF STATE 081236 CAN BE PROVIDED.

2. GUEST HOUSE IS LOCATED ON A CORNER OF THE EXECUTIVE MANSION GROUNDS, APPROXIMATELY TWENTY YEARS OFF TUBMAN BOULEVARD BEHIND A HIGH FENCE, WITH CONTROLLED ACCESS. THE HOUSE HAS TWO FLOORS, THE TOP OF WHICH CONTAINS A FOYER WITH GUEST TOILET; LIVING ROOM WITH DINING ALCOVE; MASTER SUITE OF TWO DOUBLE BEDROOMS WITH SHARED CONNECTING BATH; SEPARATE DOUBLE BEDROOM WITH BATH. THE LOWER FLOOR, WITH CONNECTING INSIDE STAIRCASE, PROVIDES ALBEIT MODESTLY, LARGE OPEN SITTING ROOM WITH DINING ALCOVE, THREE DOUBLE BEDROOMS WITH ONE BATH. ALL BEDROOMS AND LIVING ROOMS ON BOTH FLOORS ARE PROVIDED WITH ONE PHONE WITH POSSIBILITY FOR OTHERS TO BE ADDED.

3. SECURITY OFFERED AT THIS LOCATION INSIDE EXECUTIVE MANSION GROUND IS BETTER THAN AT ANY OTHER LOCATION IN THE CITY. THE PRESIDENT'S SPECIAL SECURITY GUARDS WILL PROVIDE EXTERNAL SECURITY FOR THE GUEST HOUSE AND SPACE INSIDE ADEQUATE FOR BOTH USSS COMMAND POST AND SY COMMAND POST. CONTRARY TO DUCOR HOTEL, GUEST HOUSE ASSURED ELECTRICAL SERVICE AT ALL TIMES

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AND OCCUPANTS ARE NOT DEPENDENT ON ELEVATOR WHICH POSES A

SECURITY PROBLEM IN A CITY WHERE POWER FAILURES ARE FREQUENT
AND EMERGENCY GENERATORS NOT ALWAYS DEPENDABLE, WHICH IS OFTEN
THE CASE AT THE DUCOR.

4. ALTHOUGH THE GUEST HOUSE ACCOMMODATIONS ARE NOT ELEGANT OR
LUXURIOUS, THEY ARE OFFERED BY PRESIDENT TOLBERT PERSONALLY AS
A GESTURE OF HIS PERSONAL, AS WELL AS THE COUNTRY'S HOSPITALITY.
IN DISCUSSION WITH VARIOUS OFFICIALS IT IS CLEAR THAT THE GOL
IS UNUSUALLY SENSITIVE TO ITS ROLE AS HOST OFFEREING HOSPITALITY
AND WOULD BE OFFENDED BY ITS REFUSAL.

5. PLEASE ADVISE SOONEST IF GUEST HOUSE ACCOMMODATIONS ARE
ACCEPTABLE.
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